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Social Security to Workers
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government besides providing a new model regarding imparting training during job to enhance skill is going to start a new mode to provide social security to the workers of unorganized sector; and
b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): Government has established a new Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to coordinate the skill activities across Ministries for skilling to provide employment. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 51.50 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2014-15 (upto Feb., 2015) under these schemes. MSDE also runs several skill development courses through the ITIs, VTPs etc. and has introduced a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) course in construction sector where workers are assessed and skill gap training is provided.

Government is running schemes of National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), AJEEVIKA/DDUGKY under National Rural Livelihood Mission Skill Development.
In addition, with a view to providing Social Security to Unorganised Works, the Government has enacted the "Unorganized Works" Social Security Act, 2008" and has substantially increased ambit of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, (RSBY) to cover large cross section of workers and their families.
Government of India has launched Pradhan Mantri Atal Pension Yojana to bring those employed in rural and unorganised sector under the ambit of pension scheme. The scheme envisages a definite pension to all Indian citizens during their old age. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) envisages life insurance for the people employed and working in unorganised sector. The PMJJBY scheme offers a renewable life insurance cover of Rs. 2 lakh with a mere premium of Rs. 330/- per annum. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana for those who are mostly below the poverty line aims to reach such people with its benefited insurance schemes with a minimum premium of Rs. 12/- per annum.
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